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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CREATING A DIESEL EMISSIONS REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) The Department of
2 Environmental Protection shall administer an early action diesel
3 emissions reduction grant program to provide funding to owners of
4 off-road diesel powered construction equipment that is used on state
5 transportation projects. Such funding shall be used to retrofit, repower
6 or rebuild such equipment in order to reduce diesel particulate matter.
7 Appropriate retrofitting technologies include retrofitting engines that
8 have a model year prior to 1996 with new engine systems certified to
9 meet Tier 1 emissions limits established by the Environmental
10 Protection Agency, or adding diesel particulate filters to equipment
11 with engines with a model year of 1996 or later.

12 (b) To apply for a grant, owners of equipment described in
13 subsection (a) of this section shall submit a grant application on forms
14 prescribed by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection. The
15 commissioner may reject any grant application that the commissioner
16 determines to be incomplete. If the commissioner rejects an

17 application, the commissioner shall promptly notify the applicant of
18 the reasons for the rejection and, not later than fifteen days after the
19 date of such notice, such applicant may resubmit the application in the
20 same manner as the original application.

21 (c) The Department of Environmental Protection shall, in
22 consultation with the Departments of Public Works and
23 Transportation, develop guidelines specifying (1) which technologies
24 qualify for a grant, (2) the procedures for the award of a grant, (3) a
25 method to prioritize applications, and (4) a formula that takes into
26 account the size of the contractor in order to achieve equal funding for
27 all sizes of applicants.

28 (d) There is established an account to be known as the "diesel
29 emissions reduction account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing
30 account within the General Fund. The account shall contain any
31 moneys required by law to be deposited in the account. Moneys in the
32 account shall be expended by the Department of Environmental
33 Protection for the purposes specified in this section.

34 (e) Not later than February 1, 2009, and annually thereafter, the
35 Department of Environmental Protection shall report, in accordance
36 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes to the joint
37 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
38 matters relating to the environment concerning the status of the early
39 action diesel emissions reduction grant program.

40 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) The sum of twenty million dollars is
41 appropriated to the diesel emissions reduction account, from the
42 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, for the early
43 action diesel emissions reduction program created under section 1 of
44 this act.

45 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2009*) The sum of twenty million dollars is
46 appropriated to the diesel emissions reduction account, from the
47 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, for the early

48 action diesel emissions reduction program created under section 1 of
49 this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish the early action diesel emissions reduction program to award funds to owners of off-road diesel-powered equipment used on state transportation projects to retrofit such equipment with available technology in order to reduce particulate matter.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]